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<u>X</u>	1.	This application is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/421,621, filed October 19, 1999, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
X	2.	A copy of the request for a 3-month extension of time to extend pendency of the prior application to at least the filing date of this application is enclosed.
X	3.	An application consisting of 29 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 1 sheet of drawings is attached.
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